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Dr. Jane B. Summerson —

The enclosed Letter to the
Editor, of which I am the author,
states my position on nuclear
waste shipments. The headline
puts it briefly, "STOP
SHIPPING NUCLEAR
WASTE."

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unrecovered auction of the city's waste, but Lucas and accomplishments. In order to obtain continuing stable progress, property owners, the city and Realtors must use honesty and integrity in attracting

Raise Voices, Pens To Stop Shipping Radioactive Waste

If the mere fact of a fourteen car

derailment of a coal train is not enough to shake us up a bit, then perhaps for those who had the opportunity to see the accident from the west side of the tracks would dispel any question in our minds of the mindlessness of shipping radioactive waste along the rails through St. Louis County, through Valley Park, Kirkwood, Oakland, Webster Groves, Maplewood, and the heart of St. Louis.

We are told that the "shipping casks are indestructible!" To see metal piercing metal, pieces of rail literally torn from the tracks and the ends of the tracks laid bare, jackknifed cars squeezing whatever lay between them with the car couplings holding tight like hinges of a nut cracker and the sections of street crossings torn up and crumpled like soda crackers in a soup bowl makes me not feel so sure about the indestructibility of the "indestructible" canisters to be used in shipping nuclear waste through our communities.

The accident did not happen at Cherry Street. It happened west of Valley Park. A broken axle dragged along the ties for mile after mile, dragging the wheels attached to either end, scattering the ties on the right side of either of the eastbound tracks. The accident simply culminated at Cherry Street. It might have been in the heart of Valley Park, or on Holmes Avenue, or at Elm in Webster Groves. It might not have been so considerate as to hap-

4. Small town atmosphere.
3. Stable multi-generational ownership.
4. Ownership investment.
5. Property owned by original entrepreneur.

pen where no one was present.

If we do not raise our pens to cry "no more," it might happen with shipments of radioactive waste rather than coal. Our Webster Groves mayor, Gerry Welch, is very concerned. Every mayor along the Union Pacific should be alarmed. Every one of them, and every one of us should take pen in hand and say "no more." The letter need not be long, it simply needs to be written showing our concern.

The Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geological Repository and for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada, can be found in the reading room of the Webster Groves Public Library. It is technical, but for those versed in the skills of understanding such material is interesting reading. It is available if you want to read it, but first write a letter protesting the shipment of nuclear fuel, spent or otherwise, on our nation's railroads and our nation's highways and byways. Send it to:

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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

Yucca Mountain Site

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A copy to our Webster Groves Mayor will be appreciated, 10 East Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, Mo., 63119.

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Coal Dust Is Unhealthy

Thank heaven somebody spoke up against the abuse of the Union Pacific trains on our community. What is wrong with the people here? Are they asleep? Don't they realize that their property values and health are going to be adversely affected by the filthy coal trains, trains that spew coal dust along the tracks and in the neighborhoods where people live?

Coal dust is bad for your health. And we think smoking is bad. What a joke. Global Warming is real. Our planet is being ruined by the jerks who run the energy industry.

I salute the two gentlemen, Congressman Gephardt and one resident from Kirkwood, who spoke up. These are the kind of people who should be making national decisions about what to do to improve our lives.

Angela Garavelli
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